



Photos by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal, 8th CS/VI
Above: Staff Sgt. Ruben Sumaya, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Drafting Flight, is the 8th Fighter Wing Airman of the Year. He updates and supports any changes made on base property. His flight also won the Air Force Brig. Gen. RTS Mayes award. Right: Lon Shadel, 8th Services Squadron deputy, looks over floor plans for a facility. Shadel won 8th FW Manager - Supervisor - Professional category. He supervises programs and construction that occurs within the squadron as well as supervises more than 300 civilians.



Kunsan announces annual award winners

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The 8th Fighter Wing Annual Award Winners were announced in a ceremony at the Loring Club Friday.

The winners were:

Airman of the Year — Staff Sgt. Ruben Sumaya, 8th Support Group

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year — Staff Sgt. Patrick Cazalet, 8th SPTG

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year — Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Helgersen, 8th SPTG

Company Grade Officer of the Year — Capt. James Kennedy, 8th SPTG

Field Grade Officer of the Year — Lt. Col. Darryl Sweetwine, 8th Logistics Group

First Sergeant of the Year — Master Sgt. Michael Rennie, 8th SPTG

Manager/Supervisor/Professional Category — Lon Shadel, 8th SPTG

Administration/technical Category — Kim, Yong Mi, 8th SPTG

Trades/Crafts Category — Kim, Tae Son, 8th SPTG

Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Crowl, Pacific Air Forces command chief, attended as the guest speaker. "The people here are just tremendous—some



Above: Kim, Yong Mi is the accounting technician for the 8th Services Squadron. She won the 8th Fighter Wing Administration-Technical category. She budgets the squadron's money. Right: Kim, Tae Son is head cook at Charlie's Pad. He won the 8th FW Trades-Crafts category.

of the best I've ever seen throughout the Air Force," he said. During his speech, Crowl discussed Air Force retention issues and leadership challenges.

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